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FOR: HUMAN LINEAGE COMMITTED CELL  
COMPOSITION WITH ENHANCED PROLIFERATIVE  
POTENTIAL, BIOLOGICAL EFFECTOR FUNCTION, OR BOTH;  
METHODS FOR OBTAINING SAME; AND THEIR USES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Applicants request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the rejections of record.

**Amendments to the specification** are shown on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** are on page  of this paper.